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ACTION: Ambassador PARIS 643

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Defense has given Department copy of McNamara memorandum July 27 in relation to to JCS on military planning and preparations ~~related~~ Berlin crisis. Nitze will bring copy to Paris. Department commented to Defense as follows:

"The Department of State agrees that the subjects raised in Secretary McNamara's memorandum to the JCS of July 27, 1961 require urgent study and that the planning paper attached thereto should be referred to the US delegation to the Quadripartite Working Group in Paris for study and comment. In the meantime the memorandum is under urgent study in the Department. Pending receipt of the comments of the US delegation and subsequent consideration in Washington, however, this paper should not be discussed with the other members of the Quadripartite Working Group."

Request comments US delegation as soon as possible.

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